

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: It would not have been obvious to place a closable flap in the region of transition from the circulation gas line into the lower section of the reactor chamber, wherein the flap is adapted to prevent the penetration of polymer particles into the circulation gas line; having a closable flap therein the apparatus as claimed is neither taught nor suggested in the prior art of record. See the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated 3/26/2009, page 18.

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